

HOUSE RESOLUTION 48

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Clifton Tribble for his many contributions to the Lebanon High School football program.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as exceptional athletes, coaches, and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Clifton Tribble, who enjoyed an extraordinary level of success as a student-athlete and later as a football coach for Lebanon High School (LHS); and

WHEREAS, Clifton Tribble starred for the LHS football team in the 1950s, and during his three years on the varsity squad, he scored sixty-seven touchdowns, 403 points, and led the LHS Blue Devils to a 28-1-2 record; as a prep senior in 1953, he rushed for 1,968 yards in ten games, averaged more than eight yards per carry, and led the state in scoring with 162 points and twenty-seven touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, for his many illustrious accomplishments and achievements on the football field, Mr. Tribble was selected three times to the All-Conference team and All-Midstate team, and his senior year he was chosen as a consensus All-State player; and

WHEREAS, after graduating LHS in 1954, he played for legendary coach Blanton Collier at the University of Kentucky and finished his college playing days at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, after finishing his distinguished football career as a player, Mr. Tribble took over as the head coach of the LHS football program for nine seasons from 1960 until 1968; and

WHEREAS, holding the longest tenure as head football coach in the school's history, Coach Tribble led the Blue Devils to an exemplary record of 59-33-3, and took six teams to post season bowl games in an era prior to the current playoff format; and

WHEREAS, due to his strong work ethic and dedication, his fellow coaches recognized him in 1965 as the Pepsi Prep Coach of the Year, and in 1966 he was named Midstate Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, after stepping down following the 1968 season, Coach Tribble remained active in football while coaching the LHS freshman team, coaching in the local junior pro league, and officiating football games for several years; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Coach Tribble rejoined the LHS football program as offensive coordinator under Head Coach Ralph Overton; the Blue Devils had tremendous success during the 1974 season, rolling to a 10-1 record under Coach Tribble's guidance and offensive genius; and

WHEREAS, leaving the football field as a coach to focus on an administrative career for the county school system, he served with acumen and alacrity as principal of the Wilson County Vocational School until his retirement, earning the respect of his peers, colleagues, and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Tribble, a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies dedication and leadership, and he is admired by his fellow Tennesseans for his tireless efforts to excel, always guided by solid principles and high standards, whether in the athletic arena or in the actions of his daily life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and recognize Clifton Tribble for his substantial legacy as a student-athlete and coach at Lebanon High School, applaud him for his vaunted level of success and dedication to excellence, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success, both personally and professionally.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.